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CORNING

Feral cat project moves forward

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CORNING » The City Council met Tuesday night to vote on the fate of feral cats, contamination cleanup and 10-minute parking zones.

Under a new program to address the population of feral cats, animals can be taken to the Mill Creek Veterinary Hospital to be spayed or neutered with a voucher from the city. Traps are available for rental through animal control.

Spaying will cost the city $45 and neutering will cost $35 up to a total budget of $3,000 set by the council.

According to City Manager Kristina Miller, this will allow for 66-85 cats to be fixed this fiscal year. Though it will not fix the whole problem at once, it is a start.

Councilman Jose "Chuy" Valerio said a feral cat problem has been plaguing the city and he thanked Miller for presenting the plan to the council, which voted unanimously to put the plan in place.

A more complicated matter for the council was the takeover of a water line project meant to cull contamination from the private contractor Pilot. Contamination entered the well water of six Corning properties.

City Attorney Jody Burgess expressed his shock that no legal deal had been made between the private contractor and a property owned by Wright Bros. Development. He urged the council to modify the takeover agreement to ensure that was taken care of before moving forward.

Burgess said that in order to take potential future legal burden off the city, that a grant of easement would need to be obtained by Pilot from Wright Bros. Development before taking ownership of the pipeline.

The council unanimously voted to accept the notice of substantial completion with the modification in place. Should Pilot agree with terms, cleanup could take place by early next week.

Other topics

Also on the agenda was the resolution to adopt the Homeless Stakeholders Report. The report set a series of goals to raise awareness and manage homelessness in the county.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

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POLICE HONORED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

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Detective Sean Baxter was recognized Thursday as Red Bluff Police Department's Officer of the Year at the department's annual awards ceremony. Pictured, from left, are Lt. Matt Hansen, Capt. Quintan Ortega, Baxter and Chief Kyle Sanders.

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RED BLUFF » The Red Bluff Police Department hosted its annual awards ceremony Thursday at the Red Bluff Community Center, recognizing members — civilian, sworn and volunteers — for their work in 2017.

"Welcome and thank you for attending the awards and commendation ceremony," said Chief Kyle Sanders. "This year has had its challenges and successes. While the department was challenged, we forged forward to serve our community. Today, we recognize those individuals, units, teams or groups that performed functions that our awards committee realized were a significant contribution towards our mission of Public Safety during the year 2017."

Those recognized included a group of seven individuals for their assistance in the Nov. 14, 2017 Rancho Tehama shooting, an officer who saved the life of a woman and an officer who assisted in a drowning incident.

Detective Sean Baxter was selected as the organization's Officer of the Year and will be recognized Feb. 24 at the Corning Exchange Club Police and Fire Awards Dinner. Baxter moved to the role of detective in June 2016 and had a great amount of success in closing cases that had been back logged while working on new ones. He was also recognized for his role as a SWAT team operator who "helped to quickly stabilize the situation" in the Rancho Tehama shooting, Sanders said.

Dispatcher Quentin Mullins was commended for his work on the Rancho Tehama incident as one of seven personnel who assisted. Mullins, the solo dispatcher on duty at the time, was selected as Civilian of the Year in addition to receiving a unit citation. His work as dispatcher during Rancho Tehama and his ability to be attuned to the needs of the incident while handling incoming calls from the public were crucial, Sanders said.

Pictured, from left, are Ortega, Lt. Matt Hansen, Dispatcher Quentin Mullins, Officer Lela Martinez, Det. Sean Baxter, Cpl. Stephen Harper, Sgt. Kevin Busekist and Sanders.

In addition to Baxter and Mullins, those recognized in the Rancho Tehama unit citation included Lt. Matt Hansen, Sgt. Michael Brown, Sgt. Kevin Busekist, Cpl. Stephen Harper and Officer Lela Martinez.

The first certificate of commendation was awarded to Officer Jeremy Haley, who in August 2017 was the second responder to

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WEATHER

Water use climbs in California enclaves

By Ellen Knickmeyer and Amy Taxin
The Associated Press

TUSTIN » Overall water use is climbing in Southern California as that part of the state plunges back into drought, driving state and regional water managers as they consider permanently reinstating some watering bans and conservation programs.

Gov. Jerry Brown lifted California's drought emergency status a year ago, after a wet winter that snapped a historic 2013-2017 drought, and the state ended his 25 percent mandatory conservation order.

Water use has been moving steadily upward since then, especially in a six-county area of Southern California that includes the biggest chunk of the state's nearly 40 million people.

Water use there was up 3 per-

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COLLISION

Fender bender backs up traffic downtown

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RED BLUFF » A three-car collision blocked southbound traffic on Main Street and Oak Street at 12 p.m. Thursday for about 15 minutes.

Traffic was backed up as far as Cedar Street.

The cars involved were a Dodge Ram 1500, a Chevy Malibu used as a Domino's delivery vehicle and a Mercedes-Benz SUV.

Officer Darren Holman was the first on the scene and able to guide two of the vehicles off the road. Other officers directed traffic past the incident at the corner of Main and Pine.

The Malibu would not start and needed to be towed.

There were no initial reports of injuries.

FLORIDA

Questions are renewed about shooting prevention

A South Florida suburb grieved for their slain children Thursday after one of the nation's deadliest school shootings. PAGE B3

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GOOD MORNING

Have a great day, Martin Valdez Jr.

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